



AMENDMENT

Application #	09/980,453
Confirmation #	6466
Filing Date	February 12, 2002
First Inventor	TAKAHASHI
Art Unit	1651
Examiner	Marx, Irene
Docket #	P07439US00/BAS

JAN 16 2004
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2003, please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**, and please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the replacement paragraph(s) provided herewith in **Attachment B**.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment C**.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


By: B. Aaron Schulman
Registration No.: 31877

Date: January 12, 2004

LARSON & TAYLOR, PLC • 1199 North Fairfax St. • Suite 900 • Alexandria, VA 22314
TEL: 703-739-4900 • FAX: 703-739-9577 • EMAIL: iplaw@larsontaylor.com • CUSTOMER No. 000881

01/14/2004 MAHMED1 00000110 09980453

01 FC:1201

172.00 OP